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**From:** Lori Smith on behalf of City Council  
**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2012 4:20 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Bremerton Gasworks: DOH is drafting public health assessment of Superfund site

Attn: Council Members (FYI)

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2012 1:00 PM  
**To:** City Council; Patty Lent  
**Subject:** Bremerton Gasworks: DOH is drafting public health assessment of Superfund site

Hello,

I am contacting you regarding the former Bremerton Gasworks site, which I believe is in District 6. As I'm sure you know, the site has recently been listed as a Superfund site by EPA and EPA is beginning their investigations. The U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is required to perform health assessments on all Superfund sites. Washington State Department of Health has a cooperative agreement with ATSDR to do this work for them.

Though our goal is separate from EPA, I have been in close communication with Bill Ryan regarding site information, the EPA site manager, and am drafting a report. Since EPA is in the very initial stages, we are looking more at what the data gaps are and how sampling can support an assessment of risks to people. DOH and ATSDR are not a cleanup agencies. We only provide recommendations and actions to protect human health.

EPA, DOH, and Kitsap County Public Health met with citizens from the area earlier this week. EPA is creating a community involvement plan and DOH was asking people what their health concerns are and what they have heard about the site. I thought it was a very productive meeting and the beginning of many outreach efforts.

When we complete the report, we will provide a copy to you. The City of Bremerton has been involved in the site from many angles in the past. I am happy to meet and discuss the process and or results as you would like. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or put me in contact with people you would like me to talk to.

Best Regards,  
Rhonda Kaetzel

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